

YANKS BUY MAN FROM ATHLETICS



Ritchie and Murphy Meet Tonight in Lightweight Championship Battle in San Francisco.

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ONE of the best lightweight battles of the year will be that between Willie Ritchie and Tommy Murphy in San Francisco this evening. There is a bit of sentiment connected with this fight for New Yorkers. It is the first time in years that a New York boy has had a chance to fight for the lightweight title in a long bout with a referee's decision. And if any fighter ever deserved the chance Tommy Murphy is the one. Tommy has been champion of that title for several years, and has always been adept. For Murphy is or was a very dangerous man. Tommy whipped Ad Wolgast in a six-round bout in Pittsburgh. Just before the bout Wolgast came around and teased Tommy over in the dressing room and remarked sarcastically: "So you're the dub I'm going to lick tonight!" After the fight Tommy strolled around to where they were watching Wolgast and, imitating Ad's tone, said: "So you're the dub I liked to lick!" Ad, who thought pretty well of himself, said that Murphy had insulted him, and when he had whipped Ritchie Nelson shortly afterward for the lightweight title announced that Tommy Murphy need not challenge for he'd never get a match. During all the time Wolgast held the title he envied Murphy. And Murphy was going along well and deserved a chance to fight for the honors. That Wolgast was prudent in this matter was proved after he had lost his championship to Ritchie, for he fought Murphy then and was beaten.

Murphy has his chance at last. It may be too late, for he has been fighting a long time and may have passed his best form. But whatever comes, he'll give Ritchie a fight. There has been some betting on Ritchie at odds of 3 to 1, and even a little at 10 to 1. Both boys have been trained to perfection. Both have made the weight, 135 pounds, easily, and are new under the belt. Yesterday they boxed light, but neither needed any more road work to keep the weight down. Ritchie boxed six rounds with big gloves, taking no risk of hurting his hands. At the end of it he weighed 128 1/2 pounds.

Best prices to-night range from \$2 for bleacher seats to \$10 for box chairs. As Murphy is very popular on the coast, and as Ritchie is champion, they will draw a record house.

PACKEY McFARLAND has announced that he'll never enter a ring to fight again. After beating Jack Britton in a rat, or unsatisfactory fight, Packey decided that he had been overdone. He has a fortune paid away—quite enough to last him the rest of his life, even if he doesn't go into business. Packey is engaged to be married, and intends to study law. During the past year he has been taking on so much weight that it is difficult for him to get matches in the lightweight class, where his interest lies.

EDDIE McGOORTHY is on the Pacific coast en route to Australia, where he is matched with Dave Smith. Since returning to his native land Smith has been extraordinarily successful. He has whipped all the Australian and English middleweights of prominence in the Antipodes. Recently he beat Bradley, a heavyweight with an excellent record, and whipped Bill Lange for the Australian heavyweight title. Australians take Dave Smith absolutely invincible, and that the triumph landed on him by McGoorthy has been looked on as the foulest kind of an accident. Smith will be a favorite in the betting.

Jimmy Guider, the old time fighter, has just come out of the hospital after a three month attack of typhoid. Jimmy is anxious to find a former assistant of his, Charles J. Nelson by name. If the gentleman will telephone James he'll confer a favor.

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Reported That He Will Be Offered Position—Gov. Tener Won't Have as Much to Do With Running Things in National League as Did His Predecessor.

FOR the first time in many years the mysterious magnate who has been under cover, and Gov. John Tener is about to accept the presidency of the National League in the open. The meeting is a public one and the late rising scribbles quit their eggs and bacon to get a front seat. This does not necessarily mean that other things are going to be in the open. A magnate has simply got to be mysterious at times. The wise look goes with the job. The final shot of President Lynch in which he advised the mysterious boys to take on a little dignity themselves has had a salutary effect and that, perhaps, explains the open reception Mr. Tener and a chance for the masses to hear the inaugural address. There is no doubt but that Gov. Tener will give the league a lot of prestige, but it's going to be pretty tough for the magnates to be bossed for four years without a chance at a come-back. Then, Tom Lynch did a whole lot for the new President by setting him in right with a good hand to play. The unfortunate Mr. Lynch spent three years in ridding the league of undesirable club owners, and just as he got things in good working order his successor was placed at the helm. In other words, Gov. Tener won't have as much real running to things to do as did Mr. Lynch. The chips are in front of him, the cards are in his hand and all he has to do is to go ahead and play. A.J. take it from us, John K. Tener knows the full value of a hand. It was rumored yesterday that Mr. Lynch would be offered the job of chief of umpires, with full power to run that end of the game, but after his parting shot at his former employers it is doubtful if he would accept. Anyway you take it the old National League is in for a new era. If the magnates can stand the gaff, "Dignity" will be its middle name.

The annual meeting of the International League came to a close yesterday at the Hotel Victoria. The proposed interleague series with the American Association was rejected, the vote being 1 to 1. The only club owner in favor of the series was McCaffrey of Toronto, and he finally made the vote against the plan unanimous. The league decided to change the date of the opening from April to April 22. This later date will give the Canadian clubs a chance to play a holiday date on Victoria Day.

Ira Thomas of the Philadelphia American League baseball team and that club's delegate to the Baseball Players' Fraternity, denies that the world's champions have deserted the cause of the Fraternity. "But the world's champions have deserted the cause of the Fraternity," said Thomas. "But the world's champions have deserted the cause of the Fraternity," said Thomas. "But the world's champions have deserted the cause of the Fraternity," said Thomas.

CHARLESTON WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and up; purse \$300; six furlongs—Ancon, 100 (J. McTaggart), 12 to 5, even and 1 to 2; Pike's Peak, 100 (Randolph), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even; second: Big Dipper, 107 (Neander), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, third: Time, 116 (Corey), 4 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5. FRED LEROY, Skeets, Jascutin, Willis, Prospector, Guide Post and Dr. Jackson also ran.

SECOND RACE—Four-year-olds and up; purse \$300; five and a half furlongs—Little Bob, 115 (Wolfe), 4 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, first: Sherlock Holmes, 118 (Rightmeyer), 3 to 1, 4 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5; second: Coming Coon, 115 (Burlingame), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and even, third: Time, 110. Tolson D'O'R, Eaton, Fish Truck, Portlinton, Gagnant, Sallie Donford, Lord Clinton, Union Jack also ran.

THIRD RACE—Four-year-olds and up; purse \$300; five and a half furlongs—Sir Marston, 115 (Waldron), 5 to 1, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, first: Previous, 118 (Glas), 12 to 5, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1, second: Jim Marrs, 112 (Corey), 4 to 1, 5 to 2 and 6 to 5, third: Time, 109-14. Camel, Ben Prior, Three Cook, Auto Mail, Deerfoot, Lady Bina and Detour also ran.

Walsh at Last Property of Yanks

Outsider Jimmy Walsh of the world's champion Athletics, read one of the most promising youngsters in the big leagues, is at last the property of the Highlanders, President Farrell having sent Manager Mack a check for \$4,000 for him. When Manager Chance of the local Americans sent Shortstop Derrick to Baltimore last June he was given the pick of three men, Walsh, Boley and Dan Murphy. He chose Walsh, but the Athletics told him that he couldn't get this player until the end of the season. Several weeks ago Mack informed the Yanks that he didn't like to part with Walsh, and asked if he wouldn't take some other player, which he refused to do. Then Mack decided to come across and the mailing of the check is the result.

President Farrell is reported to have offered to trade Pitcher Russell to the Clevelanders for either Olsen or Turner and a pitcher. The Red Sox would like to procure Ford, but they aren't willing to give Mondricken and Jaurin in return, as suggested by the home talent. Jack Knight refused to go to Toledo for Frank Chance, so President Chance has informed him that if he can get any club to give him back the money he spent to land this player he will be willing to let him go. Knight is trying to interest the Athletics in his case. The Highlanders have sold Outch Smith, the youngster who joined the club in mid-season, to Montreal.

Mack has more effect on Perchicot and Boley than on any of the other players. The high-strung Frenchman never fails to quicken their speed when the band tunes up.

Lloyd Thomas of San Francisco is the original home-dumpty of the bunch. The tall Westerner can fall off his machine without the least exertion. Twice yesterday, Thomas, Frenchman, pulled around and advised him to do more riding and less sitting. Kopy's answer was a short sprint to the lead, the only show of speed he's made in the race thus far.

Bob McAllister Makes His Debut Here To-Night

Star Frisco Middleweight to Box Young Mike Donovan at Fairmont Club.

By John Pollock. A NOTHER fighter from California who has come here with the reputation of being one of the greatest middleweights ever produced on the Pacific coast will make his first ring appearance here at the Fairmont Hotel to-night. The fighter is Bob McAllister of San Francisco, who was the amateur champion of California for several years, and since joining the professional ranks has fought twenty-round draws with Sailor Petrovsky, who is some fighter himself. McAllister will have Donovan, son of to-night, Mike Donovan, son of to-night, Mike Donovan, the boxing instructor of the New York A. C. for many years. Young Donovan has a long list of victories to his credit and improves in every contest that he takes part in. As McAllister is fast and clever, his Donovan, the bout ought to be a very interesting one.

Packey McFarland was offered a big incentive by Fight Promoter Coffroth of San Francisco to meet Jimmy Clabby, the crack Milwaukee middleweight, in a twenty-round bout in Frisco on Jan. 15, but he was unable to do so because of the intention of taking on middleweights and promptly declined the offer. Battling Levinsky and Jim Flynn, who battled such a hard ten-round go at the Atlantic Garden A. C. last night, Flynn got \$750.00, which was 50 per cent. of the receipts, while Levinsky, who was boxing for a guarantee and a percentage, took the percentage, which also netted him \$750.00.

Mike Gibbons, the sensational light middleweight of St. Paul, will receive \$1,000 to-night by swinging his punches at another good fighter. The scrapper Mike will meet Wildcat Ferns, the game welterweight of Kansas City. They will battle for ten rounds at the Orleans A. C. of New Orleans.

Deachamps, manager of Georges Carpentier, the Frenchman, who is now the legitimate heavyweight champion of all Europe, has just made a statement in England to the effect that he is perfectly willing to match Carpentier against Gumbast Smith in a bout of the National Sporting Club of London. Dick Burge, the ex-English lightweight

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